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Alert Citizen Exposes Soviet Anti-Nuclear Delegate as Slave Camp Boss

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BUFFALO, New York—An American citizen who spent 22 years in the worst slave labor camps of the Soviet empire has exposed a Soviet delegate to a left-wing anti-nuclear conference in the United States as a brutal communist death camp administrator.

Thomas Sgovio of Buffalo was taken to the Soviet Union by his parents and soon found himself arrested and sentenced without trial to slave labor (SPOTLIGHT, Oct. 11, Nov. 22, 1982). He has identified Mikhail A. Milshtein, a supposedly "retired" general, as the man he believes was a key figure in the administration of camps that he was confined in during the 1940s.

It has also been learned by The SPOTLIGHT that Milshtein was, or is, a general of the Glavnoye Razvedyvatelnoye (GRU), the Chief Intelligence Directorate of the Soviet Red army General Staff.

Milshtein was the head of a six-member Soviet delegation that attended a "U.S.-USSR Bilateral Exchange Conference" on the issue of a proposed nuclear freeze, held from May 24 to 29 in Minneapolis.

The SPOTLIGHT, in an effort to further substantiate Sgovio's exposure of the death camp administrator, called a contact within the ~~CIA~~ bureaucracy. After checking with his superior, he stated that the CIA was not interested in exposing or helping to expose Milshtein because there: "is not any real benefit to be gained.

"The net effect would not be that great," he said.

It seems strange the U.S. government practically performs somersaults to track down and expose alleged "Nazi war criminals" supposedly hiding in the United States and yet would have no interest in exposing to the light of day a brutal Soviet death camp administrator who was part of a communist system that sent at least 10 million innocent people to their deaths during the Great Purge of 1936 to '38 alone, not to mention the millions murdered before, since and to this very day.

The SPOTLIGHT took up the matter with a high administration official, who, after discussing the matter with the CIA, said that exposing the Soviet general could indeed "do some good and should be done."

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Sgovio was arrested by the NKVD (the forerunner of the current Soviet KGB secret police organization) after he had

visited the U.S. Embassy in Moscow in an effort to return to the United States. He is a native-born American citizen. He was incarcerated by the NKVD from 1938 to 1950 and was confined in various slave labor camps and prisons throughout the USSR, including in the frigid Kolyma region of the extreme

northeastern section of the Soviet empire (SPOTLIGHT, Oct. 11, 1982).

Millions of slave laborers have died in the camps since 1932, while being forced to mine for gold in an extremely frigid climate, where temperatures dip to an incredible 90-degrees below zero.

Sgovio told The SPOTLIGHT that he first recalls meeting the man, who, he is certain, is Milshtein, in OLP (camp group) Srednikan, deep within the

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